

REMARKS

Entry of the claim amendments and additions prior to examination is respectfully requested.

I. Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to describe a method for treating a viral disease in a mammal. Basis for this amendment can be found, for example, on page 9, lines 20-24 and page 28, lines 5-31. Claim 1 is also amended to state that the IFN_τ is administered through oral ingestion, as described, for example on page 7, line 35 to page 8, line 1. Claim 1 further describes that the IFN_τ is bovine IFN_τ, as set forth on page 12, line 31.

Claims 2 and 3 are amended to describe that the IFN_τ is administered at a dosage of greater than about 1×10^5 (claim 2) and about 1×10^6 (claim 3) units per day. Basis for these amendments can be found on page 31, line 35 to page 32, line 11.

Claims 4 and 5 are amended to recite that the bovine IFN_τ has an amino acid sequence homology of at least about 80% with ovine IFN_τ amino acid sequence. Basis for this amendment can be found on page 12, line 31 to page 13, line 4.

Claim 9 is amended to depend from new claim 20, which describes an embodiment where the mammal treated with the IFN_τ is a domesticated animal. Basis for new claim 20 is on page 29, lines 25-27.

New claim 21 parallels claim 1 for treating a condition associated with cellular proliferation. Basis for treatment of this condition is found, for example, on page 28, line 34 to page 29, line 5 and on page 24, line 35.

Dependent claims 22-28 parallel dependent claims 2-5, 8, 9 and 20, discussed above.

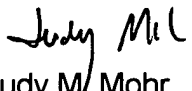
New claim 29 parallels claim 1 for treating an inflammatory disease condition in a mammal, as described, for example, on page 24, line 34.

Dependent claims 30-36 parallel dependent claims 22-28 and 2-5, 8, 9, and 20. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these amendments.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4402.

Respectfully submitted,

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